



THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

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Going, Going ...Gone! Marino Block, Police Building Get the Pink Slip, and Reconstruction Begins



What's Next for the Old Police Building Property?



In case you already forgot, we used to have an old police building that was recently demolished. To make way for what, you (and many others) have asked? The City Council has not decided. Ballot Measure 26-116, passed in November 2010, provided funds for demolishing the building, but the choices of what to do with the remaining lot range from building a parking garage, to increasing the size of Mayors Square, to selling the property. Since the new police building was opened the lot has been used for parking, and that will continue as an interim use until the City Council makes a long-term decision. Stay tuned.

Downtown Buzzing with Excitementand Heavy Equipment



Artist rendering of possible plans for the Discovery Block includes retail, office and residential uses.

It is hard to miss the construction activity downtown, but naturally everyone wants to know "what is next"? The answer is, "that depends." The property owner of what we now call the "Discovery Block" has plans that were almost finalized in 2007 (photo at left). Those plans included retail uses along most of the Historic Columbia River Highway frontage. A new library was anticipated on the eastern edge of the block, but that has since moved up to Cherry Park Road. Residential uses are proposed along 2nd Street. The developer will decide when to begin construction in accordance with the approved plan. The developer and the City have discussed locating a new City Hall on the site, but no decision has been made yet. Meanwhile, our downtown is a better place for removing the derelict and unsightly structures.

History Tid Bit

Demolition unearths some interesting finds ...by Sharon Nesbit



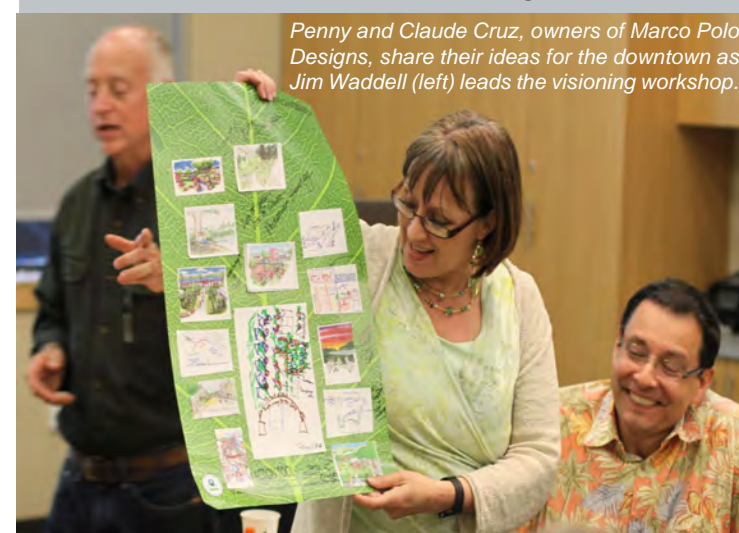
Photo at left shows what is likely the vault entrance for the Bank of Troutdale, which was located in the "Weinhard Building" on the corner of SE Harlow and Columbia River Highway.

Mary Bryson, Troutdale Historical Society, recalls that, "in the days before home freezers, there were cold storage lockers beneath the building next to the current Troutdale Vision Clinic (photo at left). They could be accessed from an elevator in the sidewalk in front along the street, or from the back." Bryson's family rented one of the lockers and stored fish, game and vegetables in it.

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Penny and Claude Cruz, owners of Marco Polo Designs, share their ideas for the downtown as Jim Waddell (left) leads the visioning workshop.

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"The Weinhard Building," which burned in August 2002, was a brick masterpiece. Two stories when it was built in 1907, it was called the Hotel Troutdale, with rooms upstairs, businesses below, and in the basement, all sorts of storage. The basement was completely brick finished and extended under the sidewalk which was a "city-style" sidewalk with a merchandise elevator, that popped out of metal doors on the sidewalk itself. It was used for loading and unloading stuff and getting it downstairs. Because the building extended under the sidewalk, the curved arches around the edges, also of brick, were supports (and not, as some have speculated, entrances to some sort of shanghai operation to the river).

As to the vault in the corner, I expect it was for security and is of the same style and type of brick as the rest. The Bank of Troutdale, run by the Harlow family, was in that building, so it is likely (See "The Weinhard Building" on Page 2)

41st SummerFest Coming Saturday, July 20th!

Highlights this year include:

- Lots of music and fun for the kids
- No parking hassles if you take the trolley!
- Parade awards reflect "Local History" theme

Come and celebrate local history on Saturday, July 20th, at the 41st Annual Troutdale SummerFest! This family-friendly event starts at 9:45 a.m. with "Chalk It Up", where kids are invited to illustrate the sidewalks around Troutdale's Mayors Square. Entertainment will begin at 10:00 a.m. featuring some of the bands who will march in the parade: The Beat Goes On Marching Band, Transcendental Brass Band, and the youth hip hop dance team, 253UNLEASHED.

At 11:00 a.m. the parade will wind through downtown Troutdale on Historic Columbia River Highway, ending at Glenn Otto Park. Afterwards in the park, enjoy pony rides, cake walks, music featuring the How Long Jug Band and Neahkahnne Mountain Band, and kids' activities with Home Depot and the Troutdale Recreation Department.

Two trolleys will provide free transportation to SummerFest activities in downtown Troutdale and at Glenn Otto Park. To find out where to park and catch the trolley, call the Chamber at 503-669-7473.

This year's SummerFest theme is "Celebrate Local History", and this is reflected in the parade awards. This year judges will bestow three prizes upon parade entries: the Capt. John Harlow prize for best overall entry, the Lt. William Broughton prize for best commercial entry, and the Clara Latourell Larsson prize for best community (non-commercial) entry. Judges this year will be Donna Erwin, Bill Flynn and Dave Salesky.



Troutdale Citizen, Youth of the Year Named

Every year, the recipients of Troutdale's Citizen of the Year and Youth of the Year award are honored after the SummerFest Parade. This year's Citizen of the Year is Jon Brown. Brown is president of the Troutdale Lion's Club, and has worked hard to expand what the club offers the community. He serves on Troutdale's Public Safety Advisory Committee, is part of the Troutdale Terrace Neighborhood Watch, and volunteers each year with the Troutdale Police Department/Multnomah County Sheriff's Department Annual Toy Drive.

Youth of the Year recipient Rebecca Larsen just finished her senior year at Reynolds High School (RHS). She is an artist, and serves as the RHS Art Club president. As president, she organized fundraisers for the Art Club Scholarship, assisted with the RHS Art Auction, and coordinated the annual holiday card-making project for residents at Claire Bridge Memory Care. Larsen also volunteers at Lynch View Elementary School on her days off. She plans to earn a degree in Elementary Education at Eastern Oregon University.

Troutdale's 16 Parks - Large or Small - Offer Something for Everyone

Summer is a time to take advantage of the great beauty in our community - at one of our 16 beautiful parks! From the big ones, like Glenn Otto Park on the Sandy River, to tiny neighborhood green spaces like Cannery Park, to multi-function parks like Sunrise Park, with its community garden plots, exercise stations, and the only park open to on-leash dogs - there's something here for everyone! Our website has the full lowdown on all our parks, including pictures and a list of amenities (i.e., tennis courts, play equipment, picnic tables, etc.). Just go to www.troutdaleoregon.gov/parks-facilities/parks.htm, or call 503-665-5175.



The Weinhard Building

by Sharon Nesbit

(Continued from Page 1) that it was a vault. The cold storage facility in the basement was added later and extended, as I remember, from the vault to the north wall.

The building was damaged in the 1925 fire, and the top floor lost, leaving only the single floor. Until the city redid the sidewalks around the building you could still see some of the purple glass skylights in the walk and the names of the businesses at the entrances.

It was a tragedy that it was lost to fire because it was a really nice building, and Troutdale's first brick building.

Some Tips to Conserve Water

With summer approaching, here are a few reminders of ways you can reduce your water use, which not only conserves a valuable resource, but also reduces your cost.

Watering your lawn during the evening or early morning hours will help to reduce evaporation so you don't have to water as much. Drip irrigation systems, timers, and point of water use control devices can also be used to avoid evaporation losses and minimize wasteful over-watering. Many residents unknowingly over-water their lawns. Using a rain gauge or moisture sensor can help you avoid using water on your lawn that it doesn't need.

When washing vehicles, care should be taken to make sure that hoses are equipped with a nozzle with automatic shut-off.

Be sure to repair any leaks. A leak caused by a faulty flush valve in a toilet tank can waste up to 10 gallons an hour costing approximately \$214 per year. *Customers who have a valid reason to suspect a leak in the water system may ask for a free leak detection test from the City's Public Works Department by calling 503-674-3300.*

The City is also offering a **free** water conservation kit to Troutdale residents, the kit consists of a six setting hose nozzle with automatic shut-off, hose repair items, and a rain gauge. Pick up your kit at the Public Works Shop, 342 SW 4th Street. **One per customer and only Troutdale residents, please.**

Troutdale Water Quality Exceeds Standards

Troutdale's Water Quality Report for 2012 was recently completed and mailed to all Troutdale water customers. This annual report is required by the State of Oregon and provides you with facts and details about your drinking water. Included is information about where our water comes from, the results of our yearly monitoring efforts, and additional sources you can access to learn about what the City of Troutdale, the State of Oregon and the EPA do to ensure that your drinking water is clean and safe.

Once again, we are proud to report that our drinking water has met and/or exceeded all state and federal regulations.

If you did not receive your copy of the report, additional copies are available at City Hall, located at 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway, and at the Public Works Department, located at 342 SW 4th Street. You can also find the report on our web site at: www.troutdaleoregon.gov.

AMR Presence at Glenn Otto Park Saves Lives

Every summer at Glenn Otto Park, the American Medical Response (AMR) River Safety Program places two lifeguards at the Sandy River from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily - starting Memorial Day through Labor Day (on high use days or during special events, a third lifeguard will be added). The program began in 1999, after Troutdale endured two decades of yearly drowning deaths at Glenn Otto Park. In a true community partnership, AMR, the Troutdale Booster Club and other community members established the River Safety Program.



Glenn Otto Park poses serious dangers for swimmers and recreationists alike. The river is cold, swift and unpredictable and can change from day to day; water levels and currents fluctuate, snow melts, and debris is swept downstream. Before AMR began providing lifeguards in 1999, an average of two people drowned every year at the park.

Rescue and medical equipment is present at the park at all times. Flotation devices are also available for daily use - AMR has approximately 75 life jackets to "loan" in all sizes from infant to adults. You'll need to show your driver license to receive a life jacket for you or your family. In addition to providing rescue services, these lifeguards also remove river debris, help locate lost people and dogs, collect trash around the river area, provide information to tourists, and present public education talks to school, church and other groups.

Thinking About Starting a Home Business?

If you're thinking about starting a home-based business, make sure that what you want to do is an allowable use. Some of the most popular home occupations include internet sales, housecleaning, consulting, lawn maintenance businesses. Businesses not allowed in residential areas include car lots, kennels or any type of retail shop, as these require customers to come to your home. The City codes regulating home businesses are designed to protect the character of the neighborhood, ensuring that it does not take on the characteristics of a business district

For questions about Home Occupations, call 503-665-5175.

Know these rules and regulations before you apply for a Home Occupation business license:

- The home business must not disrupt the character of the neighborhood;
- Customer contact must be by phone, mail, and internet only. Any sale of merchandise on the premises is prohibited;
- There should be no exterior indication of a business;
- "Employees" must be members of the family who reside in the house.

Celebrate the Red,
White and Blue!

Enjoy your July 4th this year
with legal fireworks



The 4th of July celebration is a great American tradition. Backyard barbeques, family gatherings and fireworks are the norm. This year, in response to the hundreds of complaints of illegal fireworks reported to 9-1-1, the Troutdale Police Department will again put extra police officers on the street to specifically deal with these calls. These complaints are related to concerns about fire safety and possible injuries. Crimes associated with lighting illegal fireworks can result in arrest. Included in these are: Possession of Illegal Fireworks, Reckless Burning, and Reckless Endangerment. During last year's enforcement detail, six adults were arrested and charged with Possession of Illegal Fireworks, a crime punishable by up to a \$2,500 fine or one year in jail.

The Troutdale Police Department asks that you only light fireworks that are legal in Oregon. The best way to guarantee this is to purchase your fireworks from a legal fireworks retailer within the State. We hope you have a fun and legal BLAST this year! Happy Fourth!

National Night Out:
Tuesday, August 6th

Have fun, get to know your fellow
Troutdadiansand help promote safe
neighborhoods!

Troutdale's National Night Out event is coming Tuesday, August 6th to a neighborhood near you. Over the last few years, several neighborhoods made this a time to get out, meet their neighbors and host different events. Some held their regular Neighborhood Watch meeting while having backyard barbeques, while others had block parties. Some of the larger ones stretched several blocks and were attended by over 100 residents. They had games, crafts and contests along with some great desserts.



The Troutdale Police and Gresham Fire departments attended several of these gatherings, handing out badge stickers and giving children tours of the fire engines and police cars. For information on how to obtain a permit to host a block party that involves using the public streets, please contact Lt. Wendland at joel.wendland@troutdaleoregon.gov. If you contact the police and fire departments in advance they will try to attend if the evening's activities permit.

In 1984, the introduction of National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime", began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. It also sent a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. It is a proven fact that when people know who their neighbors are, the neighborhood becomes more crime resistant. We invite you to join the over 37 million neighbors across 15,000 communities in celebration of the 30th Annual National Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th.

To organize a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood, contact Lt. Wendland at 503-665-6129. For more information on National Night Out, please visit www.nationalnightout.com

Award-Winning Challenge Program Teams
Schools With Communities to Help
Eliminate Bullying, Oppression



Challenge Day participants are (L to R) Troutdale Police Chief Scott Anderson, Reynolds High School Junior Annie Croll, Sophomore Jenny Benitez and Counselor David Hopper.

acceptability of teasing, violence and all sorts of oppression. Challenge Day programs are designed to unite the members of the school and community and to empower them to carry the themes of the program back to the greater school population. Challenge Day also successfully addresses issues of violence, teasing, social oppression, racism, harassment, conflict management, suicide, peer pressure, alcohol and drug abuse.

Troutdale Police Chief Scott Anderson participated in Challenge Day at Reynolds High School on March

18th and again on May 30th. Chief Anderson praised Reynolds High School Counselor David Hopper, the program coordinator, and Reynolds School District Superintendent Linda Florence for endorsing and implementing the program. Chief Anderson said, "The Troutdale Police Department is charged with providing public safety to our community through prevention, intervention and enforcement strategies. However, public safety is a shared community responsibility. Challenge Day represents an opportunity for school staff, students, parents, community groups and public safety officials to implement a strategy that will help prevent acts of violence and the precursors to violence, such as bullying. The impact of this program is far-reaching; it's difficult to put into words. It is truly one of those rare opportunities that you need to experience to appreciate. This is a great way to give kids and adults some tools for dealing with highly emotionally charged issues that can lead to violence."

Mr. Hopper said, "Challenge Day" is more than a one-day program that goes beyond traditional anti-bullying efforts. It's about building empathy and igniting a movement of compassion and positive change, known as the "Be the Change" movement." Reynolds Superintendent Linda Florence agrees: "Challenge Day builds lasting relationships. Instead of seeing differences, we see how similar we are, whether we are a student or an adult. It gives us the tools to make a difference – to "Be the Change."

Community members who would like to be on a list to participate in future Challenge Day programs can contact Mr. David Hopper at 503-667-3186, extension 1284, or email him at dhopper@rsd7.net.

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One Downtown, Many Visions:
Troutdale business owners and residents share their ideas
in a lively hands-on workshop

The room was full on June 6th when the Mayor, some Councilors and about thirty residents and business owners discussed their hopes for a revitalized downtown. In a tightly choreographed workshop led by Jim Waddell, a consultant provided free of charge to the City by the US Environmental Protection Agency, participants sketched their ideas for the blocks south of the historic highway from 257th to the former City Hall, and discussed their ideas to make our downtown better. Concepts shared ranged from more parking, a bigger Mayors Square, more retail along 2nd Avenue, better connections to neighborhoods and the Urban Renewal Area, stretching "downtown" east to the bridge, more multi-family development, improved handicapped access, and preserving historic buildings. Mr. Waddell will synthesize these ideas into drawings that will provoke more discussion at a City Council/Planning Commission public meeting this fall.



A roomful of business owners, residents and other participants - including Frank Windust, pictured - put their best ideas to paper for a vision of the downtown they'd like to see.



EAST METRO
MEDIATION

East Metro Mediation recently completed its annual training to add new mediators to the team. One Troutdale resident, April Curtis, had wanted to learn mediation for several years, and her schedule finally meshed with that of the training. April now has the opportunity to help neighbors, business people, landlords and tenants to resolve problems in an amicable way. Everyone who lives or works in Troutdale can benefit from the mediation program for no cost. The mediators help participants talk about their concerns and come to a solution that solves the problem for both people. For more information see www.greshamoregon.gov/mediation or call 503-618-3247.

Here’s the Summer Camp Lineup!

Online registration is now available!

Don’t miss out on these great summer programs

Camp Kaleidoscope: A variety of games, arts-n-crafts, sports & nature exploring:				
Week 2	Week of 7/1	Ages 4-7	9:30-1:30	Mini-Camp
Week 3	Week of 7/8	Ages 7-12	9:30-3:30	Caped Crusaders
Week 4	Week of 7/15	Ages 7-12	9:30-3:30	Summer Camp Out
Week 5	Week of 7/22	Ages 7-12	9:30-3:30	Mysteries of the Universe
Week 6	Week of 7/29	Ages 7-12	9:30-3:30	Under the Sea
Week 7	Week of 8/5	Ages 7-12	9:30-3:30	Keepin’ it Cool
Week 8	Week of 8/12	Ages 4-7	9:30-1:30	If you Build it...

Acrylic Painting Camp for Young Artists:

Ages 8-13 years
M-F, 10-11:30am, 8/12-8/23 (pre-reg by 8/7)

Mad Science Summer Camp Spy Academy:

Ages 7-12
M-F, 9am-12noon, 8/19-8/23 (pre-reg by 8/14)

Kinderdance Camps:

Ages 3-6 & 6-9 years
M-F, 10am-12pm (age 3-6), 1-3pm (age 6-9),
8/26-8/30 (pre-reg by 8/21)

Messy Art: Summer Fun!

Ages 18 months – 5 years with parent/adult
Tuesday, 10:15-10:45am & 11-11:30am, 7/9
only (pre-reg by 7/3)

Karate, Taekwondo, Oil Painting & Yoga

classes are also available.



2012 SummerFest Parade features Troutdale Recreation Program float

For all the details, go to the City of Troutdale’s website at www.troutdaleoregon.gov, call 503-674-7206, or find us on www.facebook.com. Scholarships are available for Troutdale residents.

Donate Food This Summer at City Hall

Year-round, from 8-5 Monday through Friday, bring non-perishable food to our location at 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway. We also accept pet food and baby food. Everything goes to SnowCap Community Charities and is distributed to families in our East County communities! We appreciate your generous donations all year long!



The Troutdale Library, in partnership with the Troutdale Recreation Department, will once again host our Truck Town Party on Saturday, July 13th from 10:30 a.m. until Noon. Families can come and get up close with big trucks, learn what they do, and meet the people that operate them. Then join us for a simple craft and listen to a story. We hope to see many of you at the Library for what is guaranteed to be an exciting day! For more information, go to: <https://multcolib.org/events/truck-town-party>

Troutdale Library Open Every Day, Starting July 1

On July 1st, Troutdale Library, along with all other Multnomah County libraries, will open with new schedules and resume Monday service, thanks to funding from the library district measure approved by voters last year. The new schedule is based on public feedback and includes more morning and evening hours. For detailed hours of operation for Troutdale and other Multnomah County locations, you can visit <https://multcolib.org/new-hours>.

Troutdale Library Hours

Sunday	Noon-5
Monday	Noon-8
Tuesday	Noon-8
Wednesday	10-6
Thursday	10-6
Friday	10-6
Saturday	10-6

Did You Know

662,536

Number of items checked out or renewed since July 2010 (date library opened in Troutdale)

264,747

Number of in-person visits since July 2010

20,613

Number of patrons who have attended a program or Storytime since July 2010



Portland Actors Ensemble performs “The Tale of Cymbeline” Sunday, August 4th. See details below.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

JULY 4th, ALL DAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY
CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED
9-1-1 for Police or Fire emergency
503-251-4163 for water/sewer emergency

JULY 5th, 5 - 8 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
Downtown, Historic Columbia River Hwy.
Call 503-491-8407 for more information

JULY 13th, 10:30 a.m. – Noon
TROUTDALE LIBRARY TRUCK TOWN PARTY
Library Parking Lot
2451 SW Cherry Park Rd.
Call the Library at 503-988-5355 for info

JULY 20th, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
40th ANNUAL SUMMERFEST
See article Page 2
Downtown Troutdale / Glenn Otto Park
Call Chamber at 503-669-7473

AUGUST

AUGUST 2nd, 5 – 8 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
Downtown, Historic Columbia River Hwy.
Call 503-491-8407 for more information

AUGUST 4th, 6 p.m.
SHAKESPEARE-IN-THE-PARK series,
“The Tale of Cymbeline”
Columbia Park – FREE Admission
Call 503-674-7206 for more information

AUGUST 6th, Evening Hours
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
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In neighborhoods throughout Troutdale
Call Troutdale Police at 503-665-5175

ADDRESSES

City Hall - 219 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Council Chambers - 217 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy., Lower Level
Police Department - 234 SW Kendall Court
Public Works/Parks Department - 342 SW 4th St.
Building/Planning/Facilities - 2200 SW 18th Way
Water Pollution Control Facility - 1820 NW Graham Rd.
City Conference Building (CCB) - 223 S. Buxton Road
Glenn Otto Park - 1106 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy.

CITY MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL Regular Meetings

City Hall - 7 p.m.
July 9 • July 23 (if needed)
August 13 (if needed) • August 27
View Council meetings live on Comcast Channel 30 or Frontier Channel 38 at 7 p.m.; rebroadcasts are Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

City Hall - 7 p.m.
July 17 • August 21

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CCB - 7 p.m.
July 10 • August 14

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CCB - 7 p.m.
July 3 (meeting canceled) • August 7

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Police Community Room - 7 p.m.
July 4 (no meeting) • August 1

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

CCB - 7 p.m.
July 31
Copies of meeting agendas are on the web at www.troutdaleoregon.gov

CALL US!

City Hall Main Number • 503-665-5175

Building Inspection Request	503-674-7204
Building Permits	503-674-7229
Building/Parks Rentals	503-674-7297
Business Licensing	503-665-5175
Code Enforcement	503-491-4009
Crime Tip Line	503-618-7633
Fire Department (Gresham)	503-618-2355
Mayor & Council	503-674-7237
Municipal Court	503-665-5175
Police & Fire	
Non-Emergency Dispatch	503-823-3333
Parks Department	503-674-3300
Planning/Zoning	503-674-7228
Police Dept. Business Office	503-665-6129
Police Records	503-665-6129
Public Works (Wastewater)	503-666-8377

Public Works (Water & Streets)	503-674-3300
Recreation Program	503-674-7206
Water/Sewer Billing Questions	503-674-7232
Water/Sewer Open/Close Acct.	503-674-7225

OUTSIDE NUMBERS

Animal Control-Multnomah Co.	503-988-7387
Backyard/Ag Burning	
Info Line-DEQ	503-618-3083
East Metro Mediation	503-618-3247
Garbage/Recycle-Waste Mgmt.	503-249-8078
Gresham Outlook	503-665-2181
Library, Mult. Co. (Troutdale)	503-988-5355
Metro Recycling	503-234-3000
Metro	503-797-1700
Mt. Hood Community College	503-491-6422
Mt. Hood YMCA	503-492-9890
Multnomah County	503-823-4000
ODOT Road Conditions	1-800-977-6368
Reynolds School District Office	503-661-7200
Streetlight Repair (PGE)	503-736-5710
Troutdale Historical Society	503-661-2164
West Columbia Gorge	
Chamber of Commerce	503-669-7473